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SUBJECT: INCREASING CEMA COUNTRY INVOLVEMENT IN GLOBAL
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

REF: A) STATE 289920; B) MOSCOW 17880

1. GREECE, AS A SMALL STATE BORDERING ON THREE COMMUNIST-
CONTROLLED COUNTRIES, WOULD CERTAINLY SUPPORT MEASURES LEADING
TO RELAXATION OF EAST-WEST TENSIONS, INCLUDING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE
PARTICIPATION BY CEMA COUNTRIES IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM.
GREECE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH
ITS BALKAN NEIGHBORS, AND THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF CARAMANLIS'
FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES. NEVERTHELESS, GIVEN GREECE'S
POSITION ON THE MARGIN OF EUROPE--IT IS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY
IN TERMS OF ITS ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE, SOCIAL STRUCTURE,
TRADE RELATIONS, ETC., BUT ASPIRES TO JOINING THE CLUB OF SOME
OF THE WORLD'S WEALTHIEST COUNTRIES IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME--
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ITS LEADERS WOULD PROBABLY TEND MORE TOWARDS THE POINT OF VIEW
EXPRESSED IN REF B, THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF ELICITING
GREATER PARTICIPATION IN AND/OR CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTILATERAL
AID EFFORTS IS THROUGH PRESSURE FROM LDCS THEMSELVES. THE
GREEKS DO NOT GENERALLY PLAY A STRONG ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS, AT THIS TIME PREFERRING TO FOLLOW THE
EC LINE UNLESS THERE ARE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS TO THE

CONTRARY, AND IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THEY WOULD WANT TO PLAY A
LEADING ROLE IN EITHER ENCOURAGING OR DISCOURAGING CEMA
COUNTRY PARTICIPATION.
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